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TROPOELASTIN AND LYSYL OXIDASE

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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2003 (paper No. 17), rejecting claims 1, 2, 5, 9-14 and 17. The cited references are:

- Bedell-Hogan et al., **The Journal of Biological Chemistry**, Vol. 268, No. 14, pages 10345-10350, 1993.
- Weiss, U.S. Patent 6,277,622.
- Rothstein, U.S. Patent 6,489,446.
- Kagan, "Characterization and Regulation of Lysyl Oxidase", **Biology of the Extracellular Matrix**, Vol. 1: Regulation of Matrix Accumulation, pages 398, 1986.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is August 1, 2003. Applicant has submitted a petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Thus, Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on September 15, 2003 is timely.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following page 14 of this paper.

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